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SUBJ: ASSISTANT SECRETARY'S DEMARCHE ON KHMER AND  
KOREAN ISSUES

REFS: A) STATE 236090, B) USUN 4389

1. DURING COURSE OF DISCUSSIONS WITH PRESIDENT KHAMA (SEPTTEL), ASSISTANT SECRETARY EASUM TOOK THE OCCASION TO SAY HE HAD BEEN ASKED TO EMPHASIZE TO THE PRESIDENT THE CONCERNS OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT REGARDING THE QUESTION OF THE SEATING OF THE REPRESENTATION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KHMER REPUBLIC AND THE CONTENDING RESOLUTIONS ON KOREA.

2. ASSISTANT SECRETARY EASUM UNDERScoreD THE SECRETARY'S PERSONAL CONCERN IN THE MATTER OF CAMBODIA AND OUTLINED THE BASIC ISSUES INVOLVED, EMPHASIZING THE NEED FOR PRUDENT ACTIONS WHICH WOULD ADVANCE THE COURSE OF PEACE RATHER THAN EXACERBATING THE SITUATION.

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3. SECRETARY FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS TIBONE NOTED ONE DIFFICULTY

FOR BOTSWANA WAS THAT AS A NON-ALIGNED NATION IT CAME UNDER PRESSURE TO SUPPORT SIHONOUK WHO IS CONSIDERED TO BE NON-ALIGNED LEADER ALSO.

4. IN RESPONSE SIHONOUK'S LEGAL REMOVAL AND CURRENT LACK OF CAMBODIAN SUPPORT WERE POINTED TO AS WELL AS THE NEED BY THE INSURGENTS FOR NORTH VIETNAM'S SUPPORT.

5. EXCHANGE ON THIS SUBJECT, WHICH LASTED FOR MORE THAN THIRTY MINUTES OF THE HOUR AND FORTY-FIVE MINUTE INTERVIEW, ENDED WITH PRESIDENT'S HOPE THAT THE TWO ISSUES OF CAMBODIA AND KOREA COULD BE RESOLVED PEACEFULLY AND BY THE PEOPLE OF THE COUNTRIES THEMSELVES.

6. COMMENT: IT WAS CLEAR FROM THE DISCUSSION THAT THE PRESIDENT AND HIS PRINCIPAL ADVISORS ARE NOT COMFORTABLE DISCUSSING THESE ISSUES WHICH THEY REGARD AS MARGINAL TO THEIR OWN INTERESTS AND OF A COMPLEX AND DIFFICULT NATURE. BASED ON DISCUSSION AND LATER CONVERSATIONS WITH EXTOFF OFFICERS IT APPEARS THAT ON KOREA BOTSWANA WILL PROBABLY SUPPORT PARAS ONE AND TWO OF THE FRIENDLY RESOLUTION. REGARDING CAMBODIA THE INDICATIONS ARE THAT THE GOVERNMENT IS STILL INDECISIVE, TORN BETWEEN THE PRESSURES WE ARE EXERTING AND THE DEMANDS OF THEIR MEMBERSHIP IN THE OAU AND THE "NON-ALIGNED" GROUP.  
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